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EIGHT INDICTED FOR PRISON MURDER

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on July 23, 2003, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a two count indictment against JESSE ROTHCHILD MOORE, JOSEPH NICHOLAS FUENTES, HENRI H. MARKOV, JOHN JOSEPH YELLOWMAN, KEITH ALLEN THOMAS, MARK ANTHONY CASE, NICHOLAS PABLO, and STEPHANIE DAWN THOMAS.

The indictment alleges that defendants developed a plan while inmates at FCI Phoenix, to kill Jesus Lopez-Rocha. Communication between conspirators was facilitated from outside the prison by correspondence, telephone conversations, and word of mouth. It is alleged that the defendants obtained and distributed the Victim's Presentence Investigation Report to the FCI Prison population and planned to kill the victim for approximately one year. The indictment alleges defendants selected a member of the victim's same racial group to commit the "hit" and the other defendants acted as backup on the FCI Phoenix prison yard to ensure the murder was successful.

The federal indictment charges JESSE ROTHCHILD MOORE, JOSEPH NICHOLAS FUENTES, HENRI H. MARKOV, JOHN JOSEPH YELLOWMAN, KEITH ALLEN THOMAS,

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MARK ANTHONY CASE, NICHOLAS PABLO, and STEPHANIE DAWN THOMAS with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1111, Murder in the First Degree and Section 1117, Conspiracy to commit Murder in the First Degree.

A conviction for Murder in the First Degree carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment or death, a \$250,000 fine or both.

A conviction for Conspiracy to commit Murder in the First Degree carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Special Agent Kyle Richard of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with cooperation from the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The prosecution is being handled by Kurt M. Altman, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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